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TAGS: ELAB, JA (OTANI, TETSUTARO)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE

1. ON AUGUST 6, 1975 THE SECRETARY-GENRAL OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (SHINSANBETSU), TETSUTARO OTANI, DIED OF CANCER AT AGE 53. SHINSANBETSU, OLDEST OF FOUR NATIONAL LABOR CENTERS, FORMED IN 1949.

2. OTANI SPENT ENTIRE CAREER IN POSTWAR TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZED NATIONAL MACHINERY AND METAL WORKERSHANION (ZEN KIKIN), TOP UNION IN SHINSANBETSU. HE PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN FORMATION OF IMF-JC WAS MEMBER OF IMF-JC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR MANY YEARS AND ACTIVIST IN EFFORTS TO UNIFY LABOR MOVEMENT IN JAPAN IN MODERATE DIRECTION.

3. OTANI VISITED U.S. ON TWO-MONTY LEADER GRANT IN 1961, HAS BEEN HOST TO MANY VISITING AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS AND ASSISTED IN FORMATION OF LABOR LEADER RETURNEE GROUP (JALEC) IN 1969.

4. SHINSANBETSU, DESPITE ITS SMALL NUMBERS (ABOUT 72,000) HAS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON JAPAN'S LABOR MOVEENT, ESPECIALLY AS CATALYST AND HARMONIZER FOR UNIFICATION MOVES IN METAL AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL AS THROUGH ITS PUBLICATIONS.

5. IN VIEW OTANI'S CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH  
MANY AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADERS, POST REQUESTS  
DEPARTMENT APPROACH AFL-CIO TO SUGGEST TELEGRAM OF  
CONDOLENCE. BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE.  
TELEGRAM SHOULD BE SENT ON AUGUST 27 TO MR. UICHI  
ISHIGAKI, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, AOYAMA SAIJO, MINAMI AOYAMA, MINATO-KU,  
TOKYO, SINCE MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28,  
AT WHICH CONDOLENCE TELEGRAMS WILL BE READ.  
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